

Remarks:

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing the present application in a telephonic interview on March 2, 20005. In accordance with the telephonic interview, applicants are hereby amending all pending claims to require a static spectral separator, a feature that is not disclosed or suggested in Slobodin (U.S. Patent No. 6,334,685).

Applicants note that the use of a static spectral separator offers significant advantages over the rapidly rotating color wheel of Slobodin. For example, each of the embodiments depicted by Slobodin requires a motor 80 for rapidly rotating the color wheel. In addition, the color segments of Slobodin must be carefully aligned in order for the color wheel to be effective, while the rotation of the color wheel must be carefully synchronized with light valve 48 (see col. 4, lines 18-49) in order to produce the desired image. This type of mechanism is generally expensive, overly susceptible to damage, and noisy during operation.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions for placing this application into condition for allowance, claims 30-35 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9, 11-22, and 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

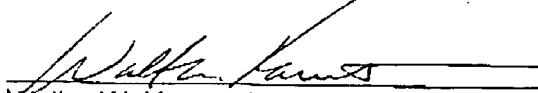
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions.

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